



County Manager's Monthly Memo

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Board Of County Commissioners Upcoming Schedule

- May 13 at 2 p.m.
- May 27 at 1 p.m.
- June 10 at 2 p.m.
- June 24 at 1p.m.
- July 8 at 2 p.m.
- July 29 at 1 p.m.
- August 12 at 2 p.m.
- August 26 at 1 p.m.
- Sept. 9 at 2 p.m.
- Sept. 30 at 1 p.m.
- October 14 at 2 p.m.
- October 28 at 1 p.m.

All Regular Meetings are held on Tuesday in the County Commission Chambers at 102 Grant. Ave.

All regular meetings are broadcast live at www.santafecountynm.gov and on Comcast Ch. 28 or you can listen live on Que Suave AM810

Special Board of County Commissioner Zoning Map Meeting Schedule

Wed., May 28 at 5 p.m.
County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Ave.

Wed., June 25 at 5 p.m.
County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Ave.

Bike-To-Work Week and Bike Challenge Huge Success

Santa Fe County would like to thank all the employees who rode their bike for Bike-To-Work Week and who participated in the Bike Challenge.

The Bike-to-Work Week Government Challenge was a friendly County vs. City competition between the local governments on the afternoon of Friday,

May 16, 2014 to see who could gather more employees to ride together to the festivities at the Railyard in celebration of Bike-to-Work Week.

The competition ride started at the Santa Fe County Administration Building, 102 Grant Ave.

Santa Fe County Manager Katherine Miller and Assistant County Manager Erik Aaboe led Santa Fe County to victory in the challenge.



Above: Amanda Hargis, Santa Fe County G.I.S. Coordinator and Maria E. Lohmann, Community Planner enthusiastic about the Challenge.

Right: Renee A. Sandoval, DWI Compliance Monitor enjoying the afternoon ride.



As part of Bike-to-Work week Outside Magazine, New Mexico Brewers Guild, NM Dept. of Tourism, Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe, Bicycle Technologies Inc, Cycle Santa Fe and many others combined resources to create the very successful Outside Bike and Brew Festival event, which took place May 16-18, 2014 in Santa Fe.

County Teams Up with Carlos Gilbert Elementary for Fair Housing Educational Activity



Ms. Kendall's 6th Grade Class

Santa Fe County received a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant from the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division for a water system improvement project for the Greater Glorieta Mutual Domestic Water Association. The grant was in the amount of \$424,759. As part of the grant, certain requirements must be met to receive the grant. One of the CDBG requirements is to adopt a resolution to publicize the County's commitment to Fair Housing. Santa Fe County did adopt Resolution 2014-38 at the May 13, 2014 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Additionally, Santa Fe County was required to conduct a Fair Housing activity to promote and educate the public regarding Fair Housing.

To fulfill the educational requirement for the Fair Housing activity Santa Fe County teamed up with Carlos Gilbert Elementary and gave a presentation to 23 students in Ms. Kendall's 6th Grade class on Friday, April 25, 2014.

Gerald Garcia and Rudy Garcia with Santa Fe County presented information on Fair Housing to educate the students on the following:

- The definition of Fair Housing
- The history of Fair Housing and the importance to the relation to the Civil Rights Act of 1968 to include: discrimination based on race, color, sex, familial status, religion, national origin or disability
- Examples of violations to Fair Housing
- The impact of discrimination and its effects on property rental or purchasing a home

This interactive presentation allowed the students to ask questions or comment on their knowledge or experience in the area of Fair Housing and discrimination.

As part of the presentation the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recommended a coloring book be provided to the students that had messages regarding equality, the types of discrimination and the right for everyone to live in any neighborhood in the United States.

On behalf of Santa Fe County we would like to thank Ms. Kendall and her class for allowing us to conduct our Fair Housing Activity with the students. We would also like to commend the students for their attentiveness and interaction.



Ms. Kendall



New Newsletter and Recycling Program at Adult Detention Facility

Newsletter

The Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility recently initiated two new and very exciting programs. The first program is the Inmate Newsletter. The newsletter is a collaboration between the Santa Fe County Detention Facility Programs Division and the inmate population. The primary purpose of the newsletter is to provide encouragement, highlight individual accomplishments, disseminate information regarding resources, share art and poetry between staff and adults in custody.

Recycling

The Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility initiated a recycling program. To implement recycling in the facility, recycling bins were placed throughout the facility for inmates and staff to dispose of approved items. According to a Corrections supervisor staff believed it was important to use our resources wisely and work toward a "greener" environment.

We look forward to the expansion of these programs! Great Job Adult Detention Facility!

Santa Fe County Announces Firewise Green Waste

Santa Fe County is offering a green waste amnesty as part of a Firewise initiative. The amnesty is valid until June 30, 2014 at the Jacona, Stanley and Eldorado Transfer Stations. This offer is available to all Santa Fe County residential solid waste permit holders (you will need to show your pass, but it will not be punched, if your load is only green waste).

"The program will allow residents with dried out vegetation on their property to dispose of it free of charge and create a defensible space around their home, helping to reduce the risk of fire," said Santa Fe County Fire Chief, David Sperling.

For additional information
Visit
[www.santafecountynm.gov/
public_works/solidwaste](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/public_works/solidwaste)
Or
contact the Santa Fe County
Solid Waste Section at
at 505-992-3068

A BIG thank you to the all the staff at the Santa Fe County Solid Waste Division for all their hard work to get the amnesty in place and run the program through end of June!!!

Santa Fe Renaissance Fair 2014 Preserve Thy Date!!

Huzzah! El Rancho de las Golondrinas is extremely pleased to announce that the 7th annual **Santa Fe Renaissance Fair** will be held on **Saturday, September 20** and **Sunday, September 21, 2014.**

Once again El Rancho de las Golondrinas will reverberate with the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of Medieval Combat, Clan Tynker, Queen Isabella, Belly Dancers, Vendors, Kids' Games, Food, Beer and Mead, Costume Contests and three plus Stages with Continuous Entertainment. Again this year children 12 and under are admitted FREE!

Santa Fe County Can Help You Get A Home or Keep your Home

The Santa Fe County Affordable Housing program has several programs to help homeowners in Santa Fe County. If you are facing Foreclosure, looking to purchase a home or need direction on how to get started on the path to homeownership, we are here to help! Below is a brief summary of the programs we offer and contact information for our Affordable Housing Program Staff.

Foreclosure Prevention Program and Affordable Housing Sales Program

The Santa Fe County Affordable Housing Foreclosure Prevention Program goal is to preserve the affordable housing stock and original subsidy loans through resale of the units and assumption of the subsidy loans by households with incomes under 80% of Area Median Income.

Foreclosure Prevention Policy; Santa Fe County will take the following actions, in the following order, as appropriate:

- **Refinancing.** Staff, with permission of the owner, may evaluate the owner's existing income and credit to determine if the mortgage may be refinanced to lower the monthly mortgage payment.
- **Loan Modification.** If it is not possible to refinance the transaction to lower the monthly payment, staff shall facilitate additional discussions with the owner and a lender to obtain loan modification to allow the owner to remain in the affordable home.
- **Mortgage Assistance.** If it not possible to refinance or to obtain loan modification, staff may grant emergency mortgage assistance to remedy a hardship such as a loss of income or medical emergency.
- **Voluntary Sale.** In the event that none of the previous options are successful, staff may work with the owner to seek a voluntary sale of the affordable home, as appropriate, to another affordable buyer within the same income range as applied to the owner when the unit was originally purchased, prior to foreclosure.
- **Purchase.** In the event that none of the previous options are successful, staff may consider proposing the purchase of the affordable unit either by exercising its right of first refusal, directly from the owner through a negotiated sale, or through a foreclosure sale.

Rent-to-own Program

A rent-to-own program was created in 2013. This program enables income eligible households to enter into both a rental and purchase agreement and use the term of the lease to reduce debt, improve credit scores and save money for a down payment.

Down Payment Assistance Program

Santa Fe County offers a down payment assistance program to help homeowners with their down payment. These are zero percent, non-amortizing, deferred payment loans which are due on sale or vacating of the property. Assistance up to \$20,000 is available for households with incomes at or under 65% of Average Median Income (AMI); up to \$15,000 is available for households with AMI of 65%-80%; and up to \$10,000 is available for households with 80%-100% of AMI. (AMI for a family of 4 is \$65,300).

Homebuyer Training and Counseling

Staff has initiated a program of homebuyer training and counseling with Housing Authority tenants that are participants in the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) program or who are otherwise interested in homeownership. Staff has also facilitated credit counseling services with numerous other individuals who are interested in homeownership and the assistance programs that the County provides.

Roof Repair and Replacement Program (Happy Roofs Program)

The County has funding available for the repair or replacement of roofs that have severe problems which threaten the health and safety of residents. Assistance is in the form of a zero percent interest loan which is non-amortizing and forgiven after five years. The loan amount is up to \$10,000 and is secured by a note and mortgage.

For more information on any of these programs contact:

Steven Brugger, Affordable Housing Administrator
992-6752 and sbrugger@santafecountynm.gov

Or

Rosemary Bailey, Housing Specialist
992-3055 and rbaily@santafecountynm.gov

SFC Risk Awareness Program Hits Huge Milestones

Santa Fe County started a comprehensive Risk Awareness Program (RAP) five years ago, with the goal of reducing the frequency and severity of workers' compensation injuries.

Over the past three years the County set a goal to reduce injuries by 10%, since the implementation of RAP, Santa Fe County has experienced a decrease of 27% in workplace injuries.

Based on staff feedback and improvements in the workplace, RAP has elevated the overall risk awareness around Santa Fe County. Great Job Santa Fe County!!!

Chimayo Sol Power Celebration

Santa Fe County celebrated the installation newest fire station to receive “Sol Power” on Sunday, May 4, 2014. The new 4.1 Kilowatt roof-mounted solar photovoltaic system will generate about half of the fire station’s electricity demand. A New Energy Economy grant and District 1 Capital Funds helped make the \$14,000 project possible.



Left: Craig O'Hare, Energy Specialist and District 1 Commissioner Daniel Mayfield at the event.

Right : Chief Julian Sandoval, Daniel Martinez, and Fabian Torres stand next to the solar array on top of the Chimayo Fire Station.



If you are interested in getting Solar Power for your home or business contact Craig O'Hare, Santa Fe County Energy Specialist at (505) 992-3044 or cohare@santafecountynm.gov.

Photos Courtesy of New Energy Economy

What's Happening in Brief at SFC

Santa Fe County has released the Santa Fe County Health Action Plan. The ***Santa Fe County Health Action Plan: FY 2015-2017***, was produced by the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission (HPPC) and the Santa Fe County Community Services Department. To view a copy of the report visit our website at www.santafecountynm.gov and click on County Health Action Plan under Hot Topics.

In addition to the Community Health Profile, Santa Fe County also released the **2013 Annual Report**, the Annual Report highlights County accomplishments for calendar year 2013. A copy is available at www.santafecountynm.gov under

der Hot Topics.

Santa Fe County is **seeking a citizen to serve on the Santa Fe County Audit Committee**. The purpose of the Audit Committee is to perform a variety of financial oversight functions on behalf of Santa Fe County and the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The committee will ensure ongoing BCC involvement with internal controls and financial reporting and verify the financial reports presented by Santa Fe County are a reliable and fair presentation of the County's financial position. Members are volunteers who hold a sufficient level of financial literacy and ability to deliberate on any issue likely to be brought before the Audit Committee.

Anyone interested in being appointed to the Audit Committee should contact Teresa Martinez, Finance Director at tsanchez@santafecountynm.gov or 505-995-2780. Application Deadline is Friday, May 30, 2014 at 5 p.m.

Just a reminder the anonymous **Drug Tip Hotline** is now available to anyone who lives in Santa Fe County. The Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC) worked with the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office to assign calls that come in on the tip hotline, but are outside of City limits. The Drug Tip Hotline number is (505) 428-3737.



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Santa Fe County Clerk's Office – (505) 986-6280

Santa Fe County Treasurer's Office – (505) 986-6245

Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office – (505) 986-2455

SFC Adult Correctional Facility – (505) 428-3861

www.santafecountynm.gov

Other Important Numbers

Building Permits 505-986-6225

Fire Questions/ Burn Permit—505-992-3070

Utilities—505-992-9870

Public Works / Roads—505-992-3010

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Community Services—505-992-9849

Attorney's Office—505-326-6279

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